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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7046

BILL NUMBER: SB 351

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 30, 2012

BILL AMENDED: Jan 30, 2012

SUBJECT: Roe harvester and dealer licenses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Young R

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: 2nd Reading - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill creates a license for nonresident commercial fishing and for nonresident roe harvesters for the Ohio River waters of Indiana. The bill allows the Natural Resources Commission to establish the minimum application fees for nonresident roe harvester licenses. The bill gives residents of Indiana priority in receiving roe harvester and dealer licenses.

The bill also requires roe harvesters to leave the roe intact in the body of the fish while on the water or adjacent to the water and until processing begins in accordance with the federal rules regarding seafood processing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2012.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) SEA 532-2011 established a license for roe harvesters who are residents of Indiana. This bill specifies that the Natural Resources Commission may issue licenses for these activities on the Indiana waters of the Ohio River to individuals who are residents and nonresidents. The bill also requires preference for the licenses be given to Indiana residents. The bill reserves roe harvesting licenses on the inland waters of the state for residents. The bill also limits roe dealers licenses to residents of Indiana. The amount of revenue raised by this provision would depend on the total number of licenses issued, the number that are ultimately issued to nonresidents, and the amount the Commission decides to charge for license fees. The current statute requires that the number of licenses issued be limited by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The bill would establish the minimum resident and nonresident roe harvester license for the Ohio river waters of the state at \$1,000; the minimum license fee for a resident license for inland waters is also established at \$1,000. The bill does not establish a nonresident license fee for roe dealers. The Commission may set the application fee higher for nonresidents (or residents) as long as the amount of revenue generated is not more than is reasonably necessary to offset the costs incurred by the Department of Natural Resources in overseeing the program. Fee revenue would be deposited in the Fish and Wildlife Fund.

Background: The DNR has issued seven \$1,000 roe harvester licenses and four \$5,000 roe dealer licenses. The maximum number of roe harvester licenses is 15 for the Ohio River and 15 for boundary waters and water of the state, excluding Lake Michigan and the Ohio River.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: DNR.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR.

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